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DEPT PASS JUSTICE - FRANK NILAND AND JAMES ROBINSON
E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: PINS, UR
SUBJECT: INCIDENT AT INTOURIST OFFICE IN NEW YORK CITY

REF: STATE 056044

1. AT 12:45 AM, SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 1977, A LARGE PLATE GLASS WINDOW WAS SMASHED AT OFFICES OF INTOURIST, 45 EAST 49TH STREET, NEW YORK CITY. DAMAGE REPORTEDLY AMOUNTS TO MORE THAN ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS. THERE WERE NO INJURIES. JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE CLAIMS CREDIT FOR INCIDENT.

2. ACCORDING TO NEW YORK POLICE, THIRTY INDIVIDUALS APPROACHED INTOURIST FROM VARIOUS DIRECTIONS CHANTING ANTI-SOVIET SLOGANS. CROWD PUSHED POLICE OFFICER POSTED IN FRONT OF OFFICES AND THREW TWO BRICKS SMASHING THE WINDOW. POLICE OFFICER ON DUTY MANAGED TO SEIZE TWO OF GROUP (MALES) WHOM HE ARRESTED WHILE HE RADIOED FOR FURTHER ASSISTANCE. SIX ADDITIONAL MEMBERS (4 MALES AND 2 FEMALES) WERE ARRESTED BY RESPONDING NYPD NEAR THE SCENE. ALL EIGHT WERE CHARGED WITH RIOT (FELONY), CRIMINAL MISCHIEF

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(FELONY), AND CRIMINAL FACILITATING (MISDEMEANOR). THEY

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WERE JAILED UNTIL THEIR ARRAIGNMENT ON MONDAY, MARCH 14, IN NEW YORK COUNTY CRIMINAL COURT.

3. JOL CALLED NEWS SERVICES SHORTLY AFTER THE ATTACK CLAIMING CREDIT AND SAID THEY WERE PROTESTING JEWS NOT BEING ALLOWED TO LEAVE SOVIET UNION.

4. GROUP IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN ATTENDING JOL FUND RAISING CONCERT IN HONOR OF MEIR KAHANE WHICH TOOK PLACE AT HUNTER COLLEGE SATURDAY NIGHT, MARCH 12. THE CONCERT TERMINATED APPROXIMATELY ONE-HALF HOUR PRIOR TO THE INCIDENT.

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